

## **Edna Christma Lundgren Coates**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Emma Christma Lundgren Coates was born April 27, 1878, in Lehi, Utah, a daughter of Peter and Netta Bentson Lundgren. She was baptized July 18, 1886, by William Thomas.

She worked hard as a girl to work a living on their small farm. Through her efforts, she was able to get seven years of schooling. At the age of thirteen, she hired out to do washings for fifty cents a day. She also worked for her invalid grandmother until her death in 1893.

She was married to Luther Coates, January 22, 1902, in the Salt Lake Temple. They worked hard together. He worked several years in the mines in Scranton, Utah, at which time she took care of the farm and the children.

In 1910, a neighbor, Ogena Knudsen, died leaving her husband and son. Emma was a great help to them, doing much of the cooking, and washing until their deaths.

She was an ardent church worker. She worked in the Third Ward Relief Society for twenty three years, thirteen years as treasurer, and ten years as counselor. She spent much time with the sick and helped with their work.

She was the mother of six children: L. Carlos, Ethel Wyman, Lela Kalmar, Selma Bone, Delbert and Donald.

She died May 4, 1942.